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STRANGE STORIES OF SUSPENSE

THEY FOUND IT! BUT WHAT REALLY WAS
"THE 8TH WONDER OF
THE WORLD!"



Also...
"BEWITCHED!"
"THE 2ND HAND
MAN!"
and many more tales!

DO YOU WANT SPENDING MONEY?

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SEND US NO MONEY IN ADVANCE

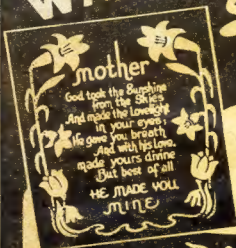
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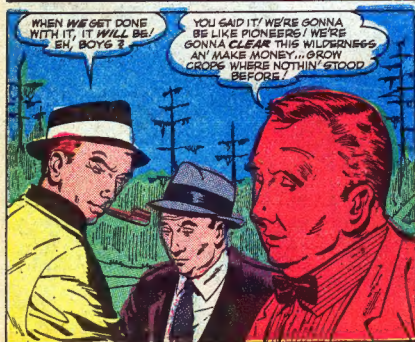
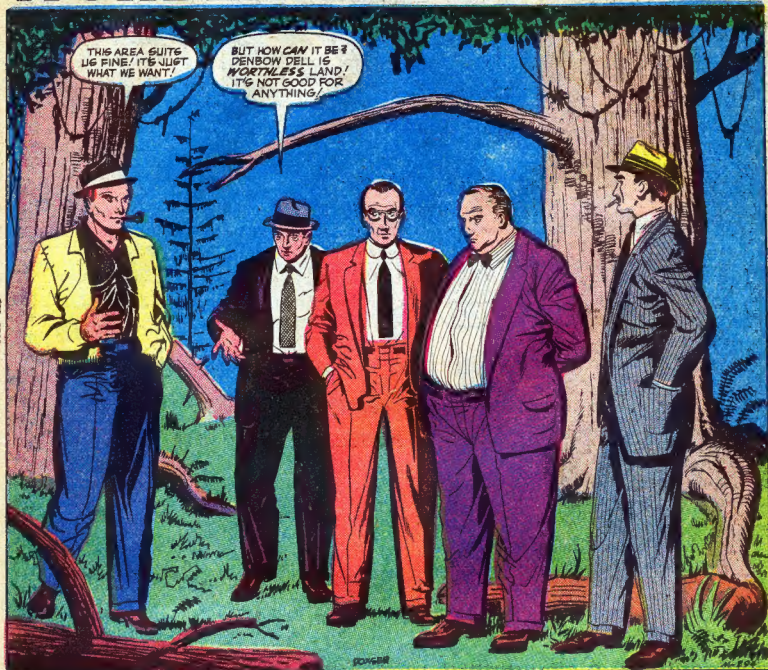
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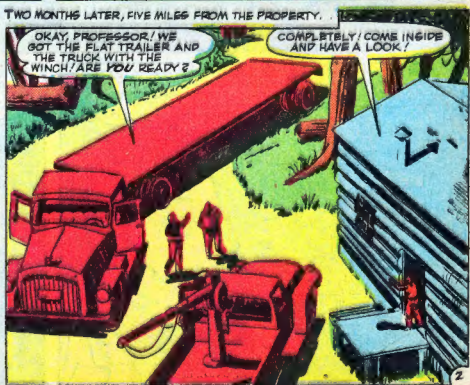
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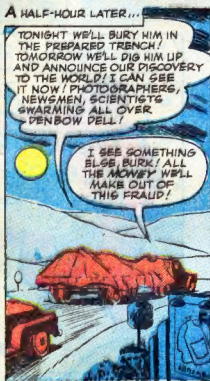
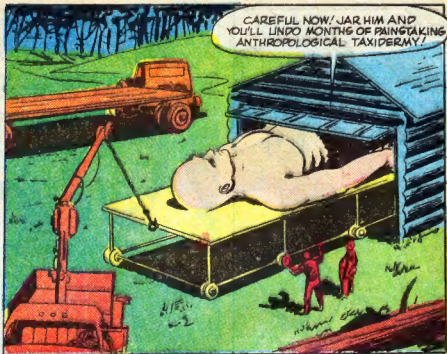
IF ANY MAN THINKS THAT WONDERS HAVE CEASED, LET HIM READ THIS AMAZING STORY! FOR HERE IS THE TRUE ACCOUNT OF HOW FOUR GREYHOUND SWINDLERS REALLY UNEARTHED...

THE EIGHTH WONDER OF THE WORLD



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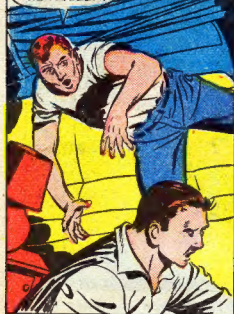
THAT NIGHT, AS THE FOUR PARTNERS CELEBRATED INSIDE THEIR TRAILER HOME...



SUDDENLY...

CRASH

SOMETHIN' IS
TURNIN' OVER
THE TRAILER!



IT'S THE GIANT!
HE'S COME ALIVE!
HE'S TEARIN' THE
TRAILER APART TO
GET AT US!



B-BUT THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!
IT CAN'T BE THE
GIANT! HE'S NOT
REAL! HE'S
SOMETHING THE
PROFESSOR MADE IN
THE LABORATORY!

BUT IT ISN'T HIM!
IT'S ANOTHER ONE!
THE TRENCH IS ALL
RIPPED UP! OUR
FAKE GIANT IS
BROKEN IN PIECES!



THEN THIS GIANT
MUST'VE COME
OUT OF THE
SAME PIT!
RUN! RUN!

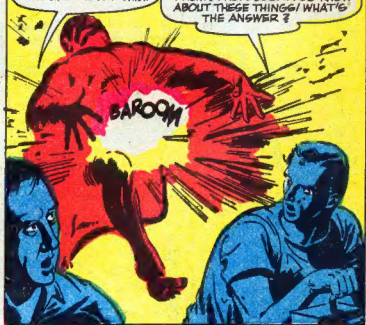
H-HE'S GAININ' ON US!
WE AIN'T GOT A CHANCE
OF ESCAPIN' HIM!

WE'VE GOT TO STOP THAT
THING DEAD IN HIS TRACKS!
WE'VE GOT TNT SUNK INTO
HOLES ALL OVER THIS AREA!
GET BACK!



YOU GOT HIM, BURK!
YOU DESTROYED HIM!

YEEH! BUT WHERE DID HE COME
FROM? PROFESSOR! YOU KNOW
ABOUT THESE THINGS! WHAT'S
THE ANSWER?



IN BURYING OUR GIANT, WE MUST'VE
DUG DEEPER THAN WE THOUGHT...
AND STIRRED A REAL PETRIFIED
GIANT OF A CREATURE INTO LIFE!
WHO HE WAS AND HOW OLD HE WAS,
I-I DON'T KNOW!

I DON'T WANT TO
KNOW! LET'S GET
AWAY FROM HERE!



I GOT THE GHOCK OF
MY LIFE TONIGHT! I'M
THROUGH WITH CON JOBB,
BURK! FOREVER!

WE ALL LEARNED
OUR LESSON, JASON!
IT LOOKS TO ME
AS IF NATURE
DOESN'T LIKE A
SWINDLER! FROM
NOW ON, WE'RE
ALL GOING
STRAIGHT!



Get Rid of UGLY PIMPLES this new easy way!

Amazing new medicated lotion developed by a doctor works wonders by clearing up complexion in one week or less!

DON'T let a bad complexion ruin romance, spoil your fun, cause you to be embarrassed, shy or ashamed. If you suffer from acne, the common external cause of pimples among young people, try this wonderfully effective medicated lotion that was developed by a practicing physician to clear up his own teen ager's complexion after other methods had failed. It has produced astonishing results for many thousands of others. It is **GUARANTEED** to help you or it won't cost you a single cent!

Doesn't Show On Your Face

Keraplex is a skin-colored lotion (NOT a greasy salve or ointment!) that is quickly absorbed by the skin and gets right down in the pores where its healing and antiseptic ingredients can go to work. After you have applied it, there is no trace left on the surface. In fact, it makes a perfect powder base for girls and a refreshing after shaving lotion for men... actually improves the tone of the skin! It is pleasant and easy to use—leaving your skin soft, clean and fragrant.

Boys and girls—If you have pimples on your shoulders or back, you can avoid embarrassment when they are exposed to view. For Keraplex keeps your shoulders, arms, back and chest wonderfully free from pimples—without soiling clothes, without messiness or greasiness!

Works in SIX Out of SEVEN Cases!

An analysis of **RESULTS** taken from actual case histories proves that Keraplex is successful in clearing up six of every seven cases of externally caused blackheads and pimples. It tones up the complexion generally, giving it a healthy, radiant glow.

Try This New Method Without Risking A Penny!

Keraplex is **GUARANTEED** to clear up your skin troubles or there will be **NO COST** to you whatsoever. If your happens to be the **ONE** extra-stubborn case out of seven which Keraplex cannot help in one short week, it will cost you nothing to have tried it. Keraplex is sent to you with that simple, positive **GUARANTEE!**

SEND NO MONEY

You need send no money with the coupon below. When postman delivers your Keraplex lotion (in plain wrapper marked "Personal"), deposit with him only the modest price indicated below, plus a few cents postage. Then use your Keraplex morning and night for a full week, following the simple directions which will be enclosed.

If you do not **SEE RESULTS** that delight you—if you are not fully convinced that Keraplex IS clearing up your complexion—just return the empty bottle or unused portion and the purchase price will be refunded in full. Don't delay a single day. The longer you let your skin troubles go, the more difficult it will be to clear them up and get your complexion back to a healthy, clear, unblemished condition! Clip and mail the coupon **TODAY**. Underwood Laboratories, Inc., Stratford, Conn.



BEFORE

Note more than a dozen blemishes on just one side of this girl's face before KERAPLEX was applied.



AFTER

Same girl had used KERAPLEX twice a day for only 5 days when above photo was taken. Note the amazing improvement.



BEFORE

This young man suffered from a severe case of acne for years and tried all the usual "remedies" without success.



AFTER

Same young man after using KERAPLEX twice a day for just one week. Notice the decided improvement—pimples completely gone!

WHAT USERS SAY:

"I was suffering from a severe case of acne... and with only 4 days' treatment with Keraplex... was completely relieved."—P. S.

"I have been completely satisfied with your lotion to help clear up the pimples on my face."

—K. W.

"I have used Keraplex and for the first time in my life my pimples are clearing up in good shape. I can't thank you enough!"—E. S.

MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE

**UNDERWOOD LABORATORIES, Inc., Dept. 121
STRATFORD, CONN.**

Yes! I want to try Keraplex **ON APPROVAL**. Send size checked below in plain wrapper marked "Personal." When it is delivered I will deposit with postman amount indicated below, plus postage. If not delighted with the **RESULTS**, I will return empty bottle within seven days for a full refund of the purchase price.

- ☐ Regular Size, \$1.98
☐ Double Quantity (Two Bottles), \$3.50

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Address

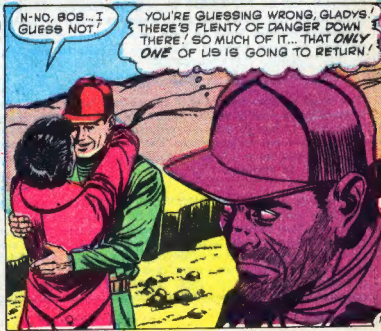
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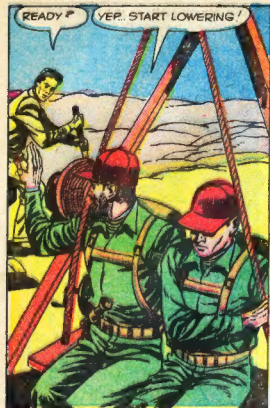
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Payment must be sent with orders going to A.P.O.'s, Canada and foreign countries, due to postal rules.

MILT THAXTER HAD THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING! AND THE PAY-OFF WOULD BE WHEN...

ONLY ONE RETURNED!





READY?

YEP. START LOWERING!



THIS FISSURE'S REALLY SOMETHING, HUH, MILT? WE'VE NEVER BEEN DOWN THIS FAR BEFORE!



THIS IS THE END OF THE LINE! WE'VE HIT BOTTOM!

BRRA... IT'S COLD AND DARK DOWN HERE! OUR FLASHLIGHTS BETTER NOT FADE OUT!



HEY! WHAT'RE YOU GRINNING ABOUT?

ME? NOTHING, BOB... NOTHING AT ALL! YOUR ROPE ALL CHECKED? LET'S MOVE OUT!



I'VE ALWAYS BEEN CRAZY ABOUT GLADYS... I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU MARRY HER, BOB! THAT'S WHY ONLY ONE OF US WILL RETURN TODAY! THAT'S WHY I WAS GRINNING!

MILT THAXTER HAD THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING! FROM THE SECRET AUDIO-MAGNIFIER UNDER HIS WOOLLEN HAT THAT ENABLED HIM TO HEAR SOUNDS INAUDIBLE TO OTHERS, TO THE WEAKENED BATTERIES THAT HE'D PLANTED IN BOB'S FLASHLIGHT AND NOW...



THERE'S AN UNDERGROUND RIVER AHEAD! I CAN HEAR IT! BUT BOB CAN'T!



WITH THIS AUDIO-AMPLIFIER OF MINE, I CAN EVEN HEAR THE PULSE IN MY TEMPLES BANGING AWAY LIKE A TRIP HAMMER!

MILT! MY FLASHLIGHT'S STARTING TO FADE!

IT'S CONKED OUT!
I CAN'T SEE ANY-
THING! MILT...
WHERE ARE YOU?



RIGHT HERE,
BOB, CUTTING
THE ROPE!

MILT! WHY DON'T
YOU ANSWER? I
CAN'T SEE
WHERE I'M
GOING!



YOU'RE GOING
RIGHT WHERE
I WANT YOU TO,
BOB! CLOSER
AND CLOSER TO
THE RIVER!

THE PULSE BEAT IN MY TEMPLES IS
DRIVING ME CRAZY... GETTING
LOUDER AND LOUDER! BUT I HAVE
TO BEAR WITH IT! IT'S NOTHING BUT
A NERVOUS REACTION TO WHAT'S
GOING ON DOWN THERE! CAN'T
TURN THE AUDIO-AMPLIFIER DOWN
UNTIL I HEAR...



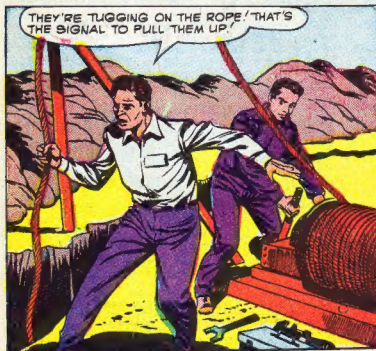
...WHAT I'M HEARING
RIGHT NOW!



NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS FOLLOW THE GUIDE
LINE BACK! AND I'M CALMING DOWN ALREADY...
THE PULSE BEAT IS STARTING TO FADE OUT!

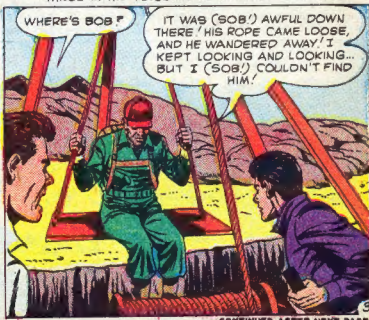


THEY'RE TUGGING ON THE ROPE! THAT'S
THE SIGNAL TO PULL THEM UP!



MILT THAXTER THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING! EVEN TO THE
THROB IN HIS VOICE AS HE FEIGNED GRIEF...

WHERE'S BOB?



IT WAS (SOB!) AWFUL DOWN
THERE! HIS ROPE CAME LOOSE,
AND HE WANDERED AWAY! I
KEPT LOOKING AND LOOKING...
BUT I (SOB!) COULDN'T FIND
HIM!

FREE!

TO GET NAMES FOR OUR MAILING LIST



Treasure Chest OF PRIZED STAMPS FROM PIRATE STRONGHOLDS!

ALL DIFFERENT—colorful stamps from strange lands where pirates lived and looted—yours FREE!

IMAGINE receiving — FREE — a whole "treasure chest" of stamps from famous pirate strongholds around the globe!

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Mail Coupon NOW

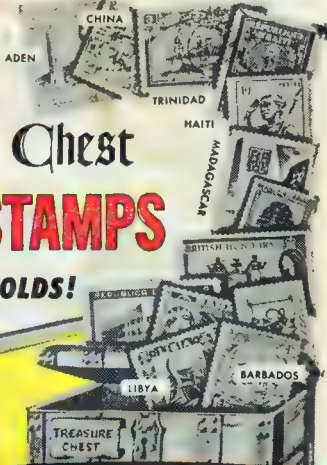
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Also Free! 50 MYSTERY STAMPS!

UNSORTED!

ALL DIFFERENT!

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TREASURES YOU MAY FIND

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LET ME GO TO HIS GIRL!
I WANT TO BE THE
FIRST ONE TO BREAK
THE NEWS TO HER!

YOU HAD A HARD TIME DOWN
THERE, MILT! YOU'RE NOT GOING
TO ANYBODY UNTIL YOU'VE BEEN
CHECKED OVER BY A DOCTOR!



LATER

WHAT'S THE DOC TAKING SO LONG
ON THE PHONE FOR? HE CHECKED ME
OVER! NOTHING'S WRONG WITH ME! I'M
TELLING YOU... I WANT TO BE THE ONE
TO BREAK THE NEWS TO GLADYS!



MILT, I HAVE BAD NEWS FOR YOU!
YOU EXPOSED YOURSELF TO A
URANIUM DEPOSIT DOWN THERE
WHILE SEARCHING FOR YOUR
FRIEND! YOU'RE RADIOACTIVE
NOW... CONTAMINATED!



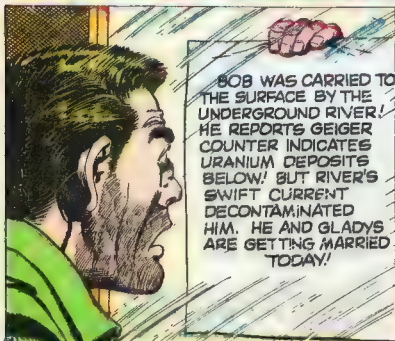
URANIUM?
YOU'RE CRAZY!
I NEVER...

SORRY, MILT! I
CHECKED WITH
THE COMMISSION!
YOU'LL HAVE TO BE
PUT AWAY IN TOTAL
ISOLATION! AND WE
CAN'T TELL YET FOR
HOW MANY YEARS!



THE FOLLOWING WEEK...

POOR FELLOW HAD A BAD BREAK
AND ALL BECAUSE HE WOULDN'T
STOP SEARCHING FOR HIS FRIEND!
BUT MAYBE THIS PIECE OF NEWS
WILL CHEER HIM UP!



BOB WAS CARRIED TO
THE SURFACE BY THE
UNDERGROUND RIVER!
HE REPORTS GEIGER
COUNTER INDICATES
URANIUM DEPOSITS
BELOW! BUT RIVER'S
SWIFT CURRENT
DECONTAMINATED
HIM. HE AND GLADYS
ARE GETTING MARRIED
TODAY!



I THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING, ALL RIGHT! I (SOB!)
THOUGHT TOO MUCH! WHAT I THOUGHT WAS THE
PULSE BEAT IN MY TEMPLE BEING MAGNIFIED
WAS THE TICKING OF MY GEIGER COUNTER!

I HAVE A SECRET THAT ENABLES ME TO LIVE BY MY WITS, FLEEING FOOLS OF THEIR MONEY! AND I SHALL NOT DIVULGE THIS SECRET... UNLESS VERY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES COME TO PASS!

The SWAMI'S SECRET!



HAIHAI! MY WEALTHY CLIENT, MR. CRANDALL, IS RELUCTANT TO PART WITH HIS MONEY! SO HE HAS BROUGHT A SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR TO DETERMINE IF I AM A FRAUD!

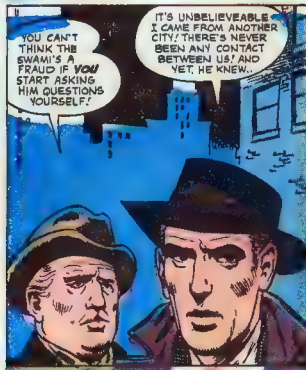
BE SEATED, PLEASE GENTLEMEN!



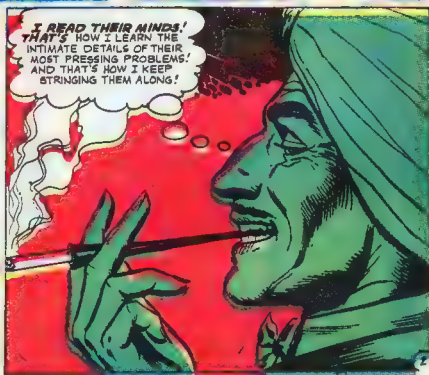
AFTER THE INVESTIGATOR MAKES HIS REPORT, I'LL DOUBLE MY FEE, AND MR. CRANDALL WILL BE ONLY TOO GLAD TO PAY. ALL BECAUSE OF MY SECRET!



THE CLOUDS IN THE CRYSTAL BALL HAVE BEGUN TO FADE - SLOWLY. I SEE A FORM NOW! BUT THE FORM DOES NOT PERTAIN TO YOU, MR. CRANDALL! IT PERTAINS TO YOUR FRIEND! I SEE.



THEY HAVE GONE, BUT THEY'LL BE BACK LIKE ALL THE OTHERS I ALWAYS MANAGE TO FLEECE... BECAUSE OF MY SECRET...



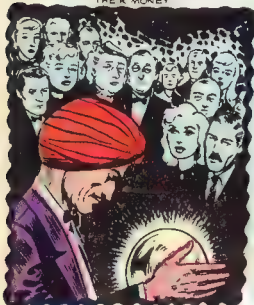
MY ABILITY TO READ MINDS WAS REVEALED TO ME WHEN I WAS VERY YOUNG.



BUT I NEVER TOLD. I KEPT MY ABILITY A SECRET. AND AS I MATURED, I HAD MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO PREVENT WRONG-DOING, AND SUFFERING... BY READING MINDS OF CRIMINALS OR OF ENEMY HEADS OF STATE!



BUT THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A FOOL'S MOVE! AND I AM NOT A FOOL! INSTEAD I CHOSE TO POSE AS A SWAMI! AND I SHALL CONTINUE FLEEING FOOLS OF THEIR MONEY.



UNTIL VERY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES COME TO PASS! SOMETHING WORLD-SHAKING, THREATENING DISASTER TO EVERYBODY ON EARTH... THAT CAN BE PREVENTED ONLY BY MY ABILITY TO READ MINDS! ONLY THEN WILL I STEP FORWARD AND REVEAL MY SECRET! FOR ONLY THEN WILL THE REWARD WARRANT SELF-EXPOSURE!



A WHOLE YEAR HAS GONE BY SINCE MR. CRANDALL BROUGHT JENKINS TO ME! THE YEAR HAS GONE SMOOTHLY! BOTH MY LIST OF CLIENTS AND MY BANKROLL HAVE KEPT GROWING!

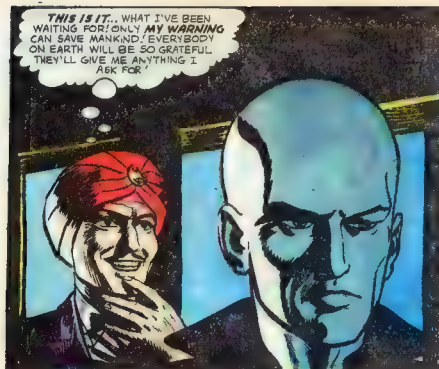


AND TODAY, WHILE RIDING ON THIS TRAIN, I AMUSE MYSELF BY IDLY PRYING INTO THE MINDS OF MY FELLOW PASSENGERS! ONE BY ONE, I STRIP BARE THEIR INNERMOST THOUGHTS, AND MOVE ON BECAUSE THEY ARE OF SO LITTLE INTEREST! BUT SUDDENL...



I'LL FLY HOME TOMORROW, PRESENT MY REPORT TO THE WAR COUNCIL... AND INSIDE A WEEK, I'LL BE BACK AT THE HEAD OF THE INVASION FLEET!





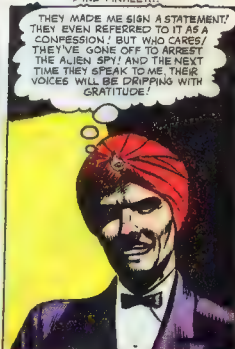
BUT WHEN I BRING MY WARNING TO THE POLICE...



THE FOOLS! I HAVE TO SAVE THEM DESPITE THEMSELVES! SO I TELL THEM THE STORY OF MY LIFE! I TELL THEM **MY SECRET**...



AND FINALLY...



I MUST HAVE DOZED OFF... AND NOW SOMETHING MUST HAVE GONE WRONG! BECAUSE THEY'RE SHAKING ME ROUGHLY BY THE SHOULDER, AND THEIR VOICES ARE **NOT** GRATEFUL!



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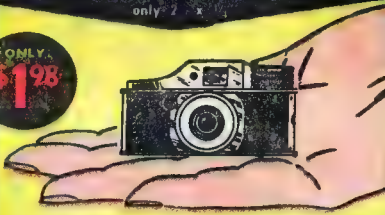


Your girl friend and other fascinating beauties will all relax in their natural pose and make a great set-up collection. Through a peep is just one of the many ways to go about it

LOOK! FREE!

Order right away and receive FREE one roll of fresh film enough for 16 pictures. Additional film available at only 25¢ per roll of 16 exposures.

ONLY \$1.98



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Rush my Secret Camera and free roll of film for \$1.98 at once if I am not 100% delighted I may return it after 10 Days Free Trial for prompt refund of the full purchase price

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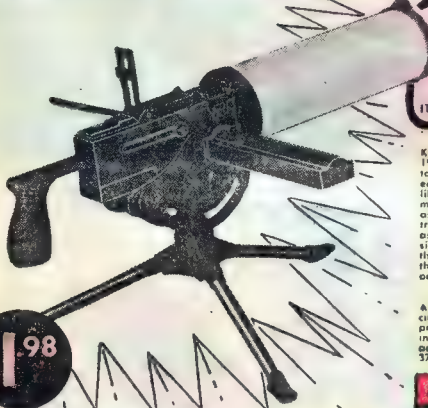
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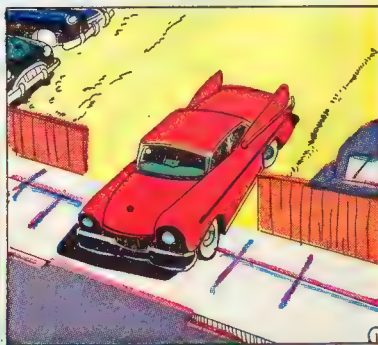
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PETER MALLEY WAS A NICE LITTLE GUY WHOM YOU'D NEVER NOTICE IN A CROWD... QUIET, ORDERLY, PRECISE, A LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN! BUT A STRANGE THING HAPPENED TO PETER THAT BEGAN WITH HIS PURCHASE OF THE SECOND-HAND CAR, A STRANGE THING THAT MADE PETER... WELL, *NOT* PETER ANY MORE!

THE SECOND-HAND MAN!



SO PETER MALLEY GOT BEHIND THE WHEEL AND DROVE AWAY IN HIS NEW, SECOND-HAND CAR!



SURE IS A LOT OF CAR ALL RIGHT!
I CAN FEEL TREMENDOUS POWER
UNDER THE HOOD!



AND THAT'S WHEN THE STRANGE PART
OF THIS STORY BEGAN! PETER BEGAN
TO FEEL AS THOUGH THE THROB OF
THE ENGINE WAS PULSING IN HIS OWN
BODY...

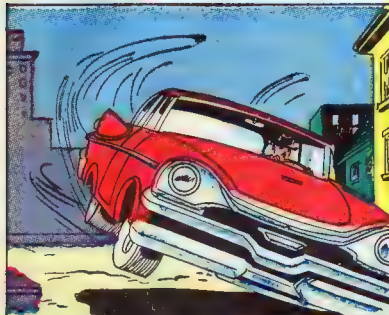


HE BEGAN TO FEEL DIFFERENT IN SOME
STRANGE WAY...NOT LIKE THE PETER
MALLEY EVERYONE KNEW!

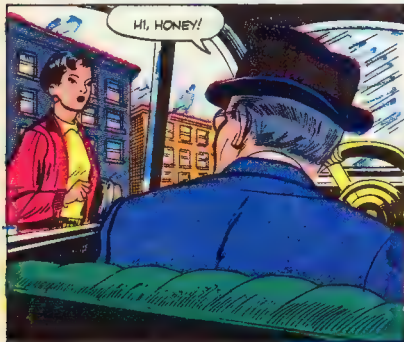


I'M GONNA LET THIS THING OUT!
I'LL BET SHE CAN REALLY ROAR!

NOW YOU MUST UNDERSTAND, THE OLD PETER MALLEY HAD
NEVER SPEEDIED IN A CAR IN HIS LIFE...WOULDN'T THINK OF
IT! BUT THIS NEW PETER MALLEY...WELL, A SORT OF INTENSE
RECKLESSNESS CAME TO HIM...

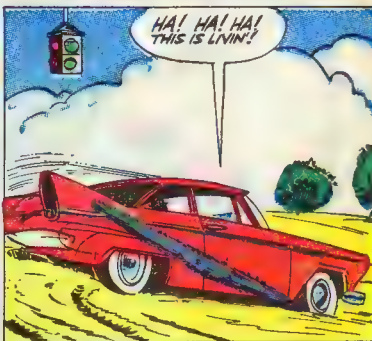


HIS VOICE HAD SOMEHOW HORNBENED AND THE LEER ON HIS
FACE WAS CERTAINLY STRANGE TO THAT LOCALE!



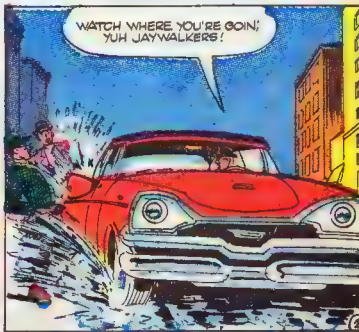
HI, HONEY!

HIS FOOT PRESSED THE ACCELERATOR TO THE FLOOR!
HE LAUGHED RECKLESSLY AS HE SHOT THROUGH A RED LIGHT...



HA! HA! HA!
THIS IS LIVIN'!

AND HIS LANGUAGE! PETER MALLEY WOULD NEVER HAVE
SAID THE THINGS THIS MAN BEHIND THE WHEEL OF THE
SECOND-HAND CAR SAID!



WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOIN'
YUH JAYWALKERS!



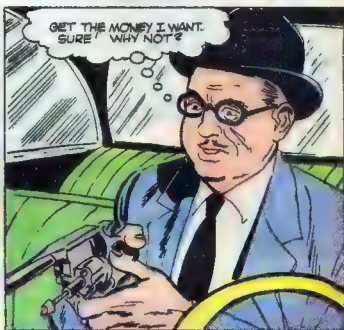
THE CAR CARCOWMED OFF THE CURB AS PETER TURNED A CORNER ON TWO WHEELS! THE JAR CAUSED THE GLOVE COMPARTMENT DOOR TO SPRING OPEN!



HE PULLED INTO A SIDE STREET AND STOPPED.

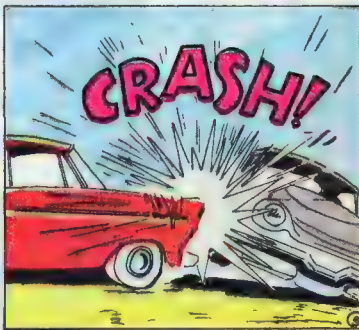
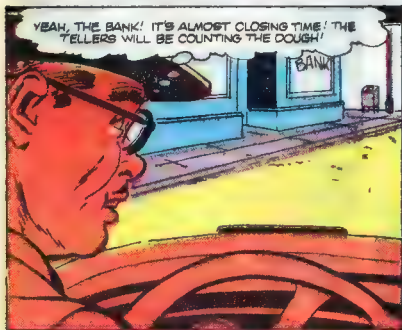


HE TOOK IT IN HIS HAND: THE FEEL OF IT BROUGHT A SENSE OF RECKLESS POWER SUCH AS HE HAD NEVER KNOWN BEFORE! SUDDENLY HE KNEW WHAT HE MUST DO



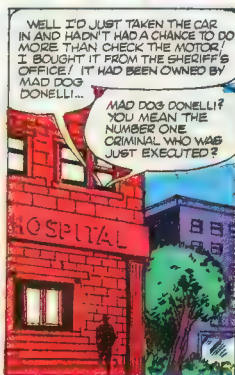
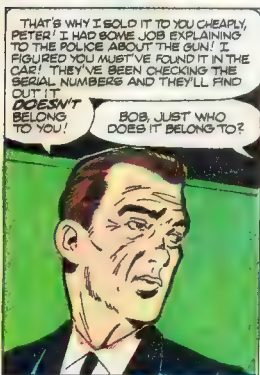
HE TURNED THE CORNER, THE GUN PRESSING HARD AGAINST HIM IN HIS COAT POCKET, NUDGING HIM AS THOUGH URSING HIM ON! AHEAD OF HIM, HALF A BLOCK DOWN, WAS THE CITIZENS' BANK!

THE OTHER CAR CAME OUT OF A SIDE STREET! WITH HIS EYES ON THE BANK AND THE SPEED HE WAS GOING, PETER DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO STOP IN TIME!



THERE WERE FLASHES OF LIGHT, VOICES, HALF-REMEMBERED EVENTS! FINALLY PETER REGAINED FULL CONSCIOUSNESS IN THE HOSPITAL!

IT WAS THE QUIET, RESPECTABLE PETER MALLEY WHO LAY IN THE BED...AND SUDDENLY THIS PETER MALLEY REMEMBERED THE **OTHER** ONE...THE ONE WHO HAD DRIVEN THE SECOND-HAND CAR...



THE MISSING TOOTH

It was obvious that something was wrong. When the lunch whistle blew, Alfred Pook was still sitting at his desk. He made no move to join the fellows. His chin was in his hand, and he had a tragic look on his face.

"What's the matter, Alfred?" asked his friend Harold. "Aren't you coming to lunch today?"

Alfred blinked his eyes mournfully and looked sad as a bassett hound. He opened his mouth and pointed significantly to a wobbly tooth.

"Well, if that's all that's bothering you," said Harold, "why don't you take a trip to the dentist's office?"

Alfred sighed. He guessed it was pretty silly for him to feel this way, but he could think of so many nice things to do. And going to the dentist just wasn't one of them.

"Oh, I'll get around to it soon," he said evasively. "You see I haven't really lived in town long enough to know a good dentist."

"Well, if that's all that's standing in your way," grinned Harold cheerfully, "I'll send you to my dentist. He's been treating our family for years. He uses the very latest equipment and some ultra modern methods. You'll be amazed!"

Alfred gulped. He watched unhappily as Harold wrote down an address on a piece of paper.

"His office is in the back part of the house," said Alfred, "over on Main Street. I'll call Dr. Smith and tell him you'll be right over."

As Alfred left, Harold re-

strained a laugh. But after he was gone, Harold called the other fellows over and told them the story. All of them got quite a kick out of poor Alfred Pook. He was a nice guy, but always so terribly timid.

"I think Alfred should be decorated with a medal of honor for his bravery," said Harold.

The fellows all laughed heartily and shook their heads. They felt sorry for Alfred Pook.

Meanwhile, our hero was proceeding to the dentist's office, rushing fast as a turtle to get there. In fact, if he had gone any slower, he would have been standing still.

Once he got to Main Street, he studied the piece of paper Harold had given him. The last number on the paper was difficult to read. But at that moment, Alfred saw a sign on the corner which said, "Smith's Laboratory." The number on this door was 108. Alfred decided this must be the very number he was looking for, since the first two numbers on his paper were 10. Now that he studied the last digit closely, he decided that it must be an "8" after all.

He entered a narrow hallway and found his way to the back of the house. The door to the only occupied room was closed and from it came a whirring sound that made Alfred think of an airplane in which he would have far preferred to be at this moment. In fact, he politely decided that since Dr. Smith was busy, he had better come back at another time. He

began to tiptoe back to the front door, when a voice cried out after him.

"Hallo there! Why you must be the fellow my friend told me about . . ."

Alfred nodded meekly.

"If you're busy, I can come back another month or so . . ."

"Nonsense, my lad," the man in the white lab coat cried in a booming voice. "Do you realize how long I've waited for this moment!"

Alfred thought that this was a strange thing to say to a patient, but maybe business was bad, he reasoned.

"Well, I've waited a long time, too," he confessed, "in fact, too long."

Smith clutched his hand feelingly.

"Young man, what you are doing is a brave and fearless thing. I want to thank you."

Alfred was about to open his mouth to show Dr. Smith his tooth, but the doctor shoved him into a room that was dim except for the flashing lights surrounding an elevated platform.

It certainly didn't look like the kind of dentist's chair that Alfred remembered, but then it had been so many years since he was in a dentist's office. And he remembered Harold saying that Dr. Smith used nothing but the most modern equipment.

"Strap yourself in," ordered Dr. Smith, pointing to the elevated platform.

Alfred obeyed.

"It's sort of dark in here now," he said. "How will you be able to see what you're doing?"

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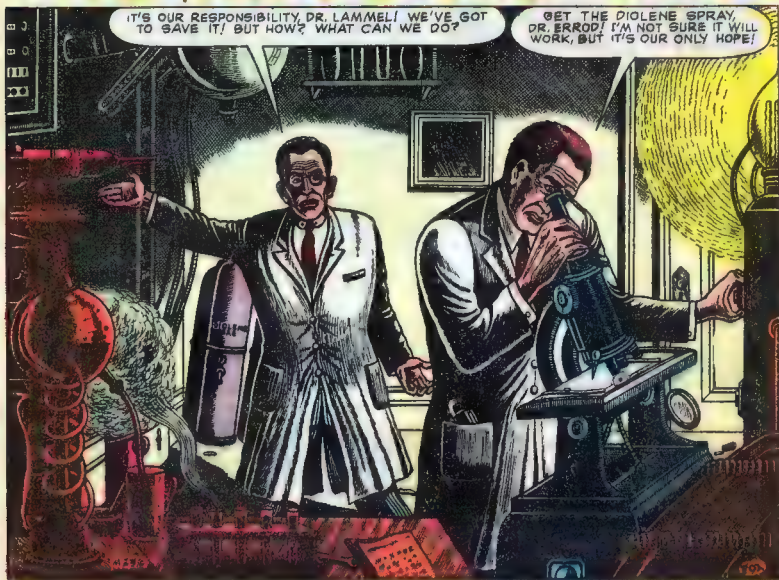
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WHEN PROFESSOR ALFRED WHITBY AND HIS COLLEAGUES CAME FROM THE SEA AND BEHELD THE CALAMITY THAT HAD BEFALLEN THE EARTH, EACH HAD A THEORY AS TO THE METHOD THAT WOULD SAVE MANKIND! ONE OF THEM WAS DESTINED TO BECOME THE WORLD'S HERO BY RECOVERING...

THE MISSING SUN

IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY, DR. LAMMEL! WE'VE GOT TO SAVE IT! BUT HOW? WHAT CAN WE DO?

GET THE DIOLINE SPRAY, DR. ERROD! I'M NOT SURE IT WILL WORK, BUT IT'S OUR ONLY HOPE!



THE TWO SCIENTISTS WASTED NOT A MOMENT DIRECTING THE SUPER INSECT DESTROYER, "DIOLINE" ON THE TINY AIR-SUSPENDED SPECK BENEATH THE MICROSCOPE LENS...

I'M WORRIED ABOUT THIS! DO YOU REALLY THINK THERE'S A CHANCE TO SAVE IT?

IT'LL TAKE EIGHT HOURS TO SEE THE RESULTS! WE CAN ONLY WAIT!



JUST FIFTEEN MINUTES AFTER DR. ERROD AND LAMMEL BOUGHT A SOLUTION TO THEIR PLIGHT, THREE OTHER SCIENTISTS, PROFESSORS ALFRED WHITBY AND DANIEL LEWIS AND DR. ROBERT ROBINSON WERE FACED WITH A MYSTERY.

THEY'RE NOT RESPONDING TO MY TUGS AT THE ROPE, GENTLEMEN! I THINK WE'D BETTER SURFACE!

YOU'RE RIGHT, WHITBY...THOSE ARE RELIABLE MEN UP ON THAT BOAT! THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG!



THEY KICKED OFF THE HEAVY WEIGHTS STRAPPED TO THE SOLES OF THEIR DIVING SHOES, THEN HELD ON TO THE ROPE AS THEY SLOWLY ASCENDED TO THE SURFACE...

THEY LOOK ALIVE, BUT ALMOST FROZEN! WHAT'S THIS STRANGE GREEN HAZE HANGING IN THE ATMOSPHERE, WHITBY?

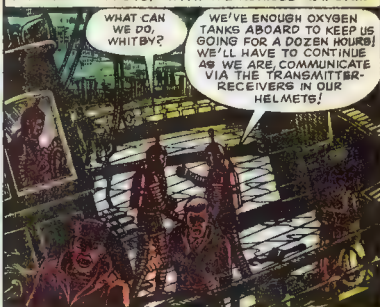
I'VE NEVER SEEN THE LIKES OF IT BEFORE, LEWIS! DON'T TRY TO REMOVE YOUR HELMETS OR OPEN YOUR VISORS! THE SAME THING MIGHT HAPPEN TO US!



THE EVIL, GREENISH FOG, FRIGID AND PARALYZING, HAD STARTED AT THE EQUATOR, RAPIDLY SPREADING OVER THE EARTH! AS THE SCIENTISTS HEADED FOR PORT, THEY SAW THAT PEOPLE EVERYWHERE HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO A STOP WITH THE NOXIOUS VAPOR...

WHAT CAN WE DO, WHITBY?

WE'VE ENOUGH OXYGEN TANKS ABOARD TO KEEP US GOING FOR A DOZEN HOURS! WE'LL HAVE TO CONTINUE AS WE ARE, COMMUNICATE VIA THE TRANSMITTER-RECEIVERS IN OUR HELMETS!



TWELVE HOURS IN WHICH TO FIND THE MISSING SUN! A LARGE ORDER, GENTLEMEN!

I HAVE A THEORY! BECAUSE OF THE VAST AMOUNT OF ELECTRICITY GENERATED ON EARTH, OUR PLANET HAS LOST THE NEED FOR THE SUN'S MAGNETISM AND GRAVITATIONAL PULL!

THEN YOU BELIEVE THE EARTH HAS GLIPPED FROM ITS ORBIT? WHAT CAN BE DONE, ROBINSON?

GIVE MY THEORY A THREE-HOUR TEST! EACH OF US MUST GO TO A DIFFERENT LARGE CITY, SHUT OFF ALL ELECTRICAL POWER PLANTS! THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO PROVE OR DISPROVE MY THEORY!

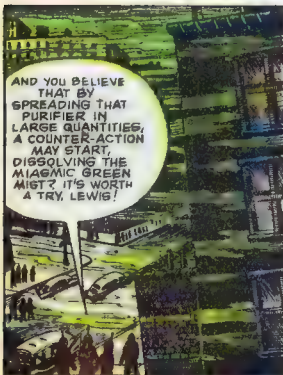
THERE BEING NO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, THE ONLY THREE MEN ON EARTH STILL ABLE TO MOVE, HELPED THEMSELVES TO AVAILABLE CARS, DROVE TO DIFFERENT CITIES, PERFORMED THEIR TASKS... THREE HOURS LATER THEY MET AT A PRE-ARRANGED LOCATION...

I WAS WRONG! THE PEOPLE ARE STILL FROZEN, THE GREEN FOG REMAINS!

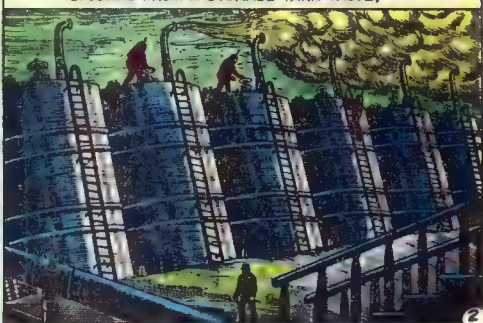
I'VE DONE SOME THINKING ON THE MATTER! RECENTLY ANOTHER COLLEAGUE OF OURS COMPOUNDED A REMARKABLE AIR PURIFIER!



AND YOU BELIEVE THAT BY SPREADING THAT PURIFIER IN LARGE QUANTITIES, A COUNTER-ACTION MAY START, DISSOLVING THE MIAGMIC GREEN MIST? IT'S WORTH A TRY, LEWIS!



IT TOOK THEM A HALF-HOUR TO DRIVE TO THE GREAT PLANT WHERE THE AIR PURIFIER WAS BEING MANUFACTURED... WITHIN TEN MINUTES THE FIRST YELLOW FLAMES OF THE PURIFIER WERE SPOUTING FROM A STORAGE TANK VALVE!



"TWO HOURS LATER THE GREEN FOG STILL REMAINED, THE WORLD STILL STOOD MOTIONLESS..."

"I NO LONGER AGREE WITH YOUR THEORY, ROBINSON! I'M SURE EARTH IS STILL IN ITS ORBIT! THE ONE HOPE SEEMS TO BE TO DISPEL

SEVEN HOURS OF OXYGEN LEFT, WHITBY! IT'S AN IDEA!

THIS MYSTERIOUS FOG WITH THERMO-NUCLEAR CHARGES!

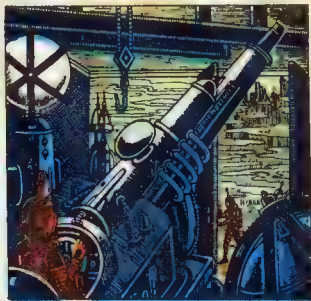


IT'S WORTH A TRY, WHITBY, BUT IT'LL TAKE SEVERAL HOURS TO DISMOUNT THE ATOM SMASHING MECHANISM FROM THE UNIVERSITY'S CYCLOTRON!

BUT IT CAN BE DONE, LEWIS, THAT'S WHAT COUNTS! AND IT CAN BE MOUNTED ON THE MOBILE UNIT! YES, HURRY, ROBINSON... DRIVE FASTER!



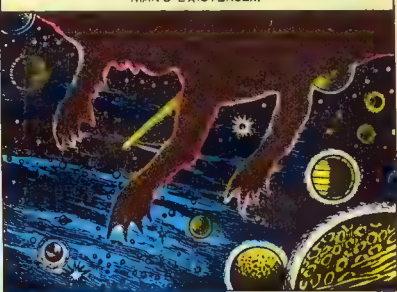
THE DESPERATE TRIO WORKED FEVERISHLY, STOPPING ONLY TO MOUNT FRESH OXYGEN TANKS ON THE BACKS OF THEIR SUITS! THE JOB OF REMOVING THE CANNON-LIKE ATOM-SMASHER FROM THE CYCLOTRON TOOK SIX HOURS...



A HALF-HOUR LATER THE GUN WAS READY... THERMO-NUCLEAR CHARGES RENT THE ATMOSPHERE! THE FOLLOWING DAY, NEWS HEADLINES SCREAMED THE SUCCESS OF THE SCIENTISTS' EFFORT...



ACTUALLY, PROF. ALFRED WHITBY DID NOT SAVE THE EARTH! AND THE STRANGE, GREEN, PARALYZING FOG DID NOT ENDANGER MANKIND! TO UNDERSTAND THE REAL DANGER, WE MUST BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING! FIRST, THAT LOWER INSECT LIFE IS NOT CONSCIOUS OF MAN'S EXISTENCE...



SECOND, IN LIKE MANNER, MAN IS NOT AWARE OF THE EXISTENCE IN THE UNIVERSE OF A DEADLY HIGHER ORDER OF COLOSSAL INSECT LIFE...



AND THIRD, THAT HIGH ORDER OF INSECT IS UNAWARE OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE HIGHEST ORDER OF MORTAL MAN IN THE VAST UNIVERSE! TWO OF THAT ORDER BEING THE SCIENTISTS DRs. LAMMEL AND ERROD...



WE'VE WON, LAMMEL! OUR DIOLENE SPRAY HAS KILLED THE INSECT!

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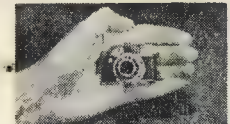
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Dr. Smith laughed.

"Suppose we take the roof off now," he suggested.

Alfred stared wide-eyed as Dr. Smith pressed a button and the roof of the room lifted back to expose the sky.

"Oh, you didn't have to go to all that trouble," he protested uneasily.

Dr. Smith handed him an object.

"This is a communicator so that you can let me know what happens when you're up there."

"Up there?" asked Alfred. "Oh, you mean when you crank the chair up for the examination."

"Examination!" exclaimed Dr. Smith. "Exactly! That's an odd way of putting it, but you will be the first man to examine it."

Alfred was perplexed at this point. He was about to say, "But you're going to examine me . . ." Yet he didn't get the chance. At the touch of a button, the transparent dome of the platform rolled over him. And before he could say, "Ouch!" Dr. Smith had propelled him skywards.

As Alfred zoomed above the rooftops of the city, he scratched his head thoughtfully. The one bump he had felt when he took off had uprooted the loose tooth painlessly! He held it in his hand and grinned cheerfully.

"I don't know what kind of modern methods you used to accomplish this miracle," he said in the communicator, "but I feel fine."

"Excellent!" Dr. Smith's voice replied. "Now when you land on our new planet, put out the flag in the back of the cabin. Be sure to write your name on the marker, too. It may be my invention that enables us to land on the planet,

but you deserve credit, too, for risking your life."

Alfred was confused. He didn't see how letting a dentist pull your tooth out would be considered so courageous. At least now that it was accomplished!

Take the controls for a landing," Dr. Smith ordered. "Put on the suit next to you and set our flag on the planet."

Alfred put on the suit. He didn't see the point of all this, but Dr. Smith's methods were unusual. And after all, his tooth had come out with so



little trouble! Perhaps the bulky suit was a little joke of Dr. Smith's to get his patients into a good humor before they left the office. Well, if Dr. Smith wanted to play games, the least he could do was go along like a good sport.

Alfred pulled the "stop" lever, put out the flag, then hopped back into his traveling platform. He pushed a button marked "Descent" and in a short time he was swinging downwards. Then, with a snap, he landed back into Dr. Smith's office.

There were now crowds of people clustered here, however. They shouted and smiled at him.

"What a hero! Alfred Pook will go down in history! Dr. Smith was a lucky man to discover that new planet, but without the bravery of a man like Pook, the mission would never have been accomplished!"

For the first time it occurred to Alfred that he was not being complimented for his bravery in the dentist's chair! He gulped as he realized that what had seemed like a game to him was more than that!

By the time he returned to the office, the newspapers and the television sets were blaring about space explorers Smith and Pook! Alfred was a hero!

Anyway, to everyone but Harold.

"My friend, the dentist, waited all afternoon for you to show up," said Harold angrily.

"I don't understand," said Alfred. "I went to 108 Main . . ."

"But he's on 10 S. Main," Harold corrected. "Do you mean to say that stunt you pulled off was all a mistake . . . that you *didn't* volunteer for that space expedition?"

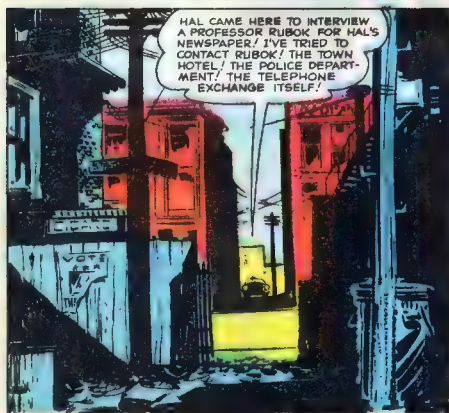
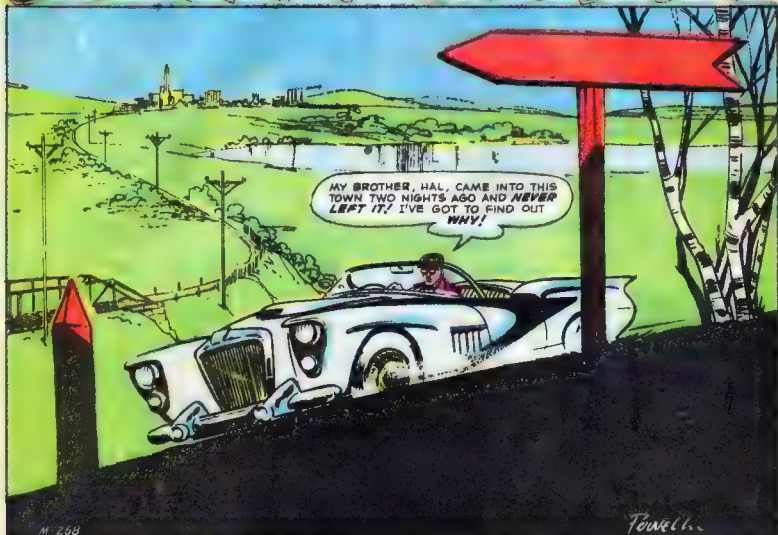
Alfred grinned. Now that he realized how he had performed a courageous feat without knowing it, he was embarrassed. Yet there was one thing he had done which deserved acclaim.

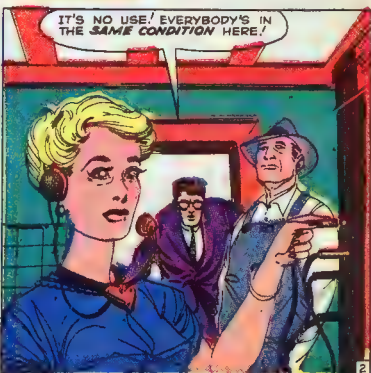
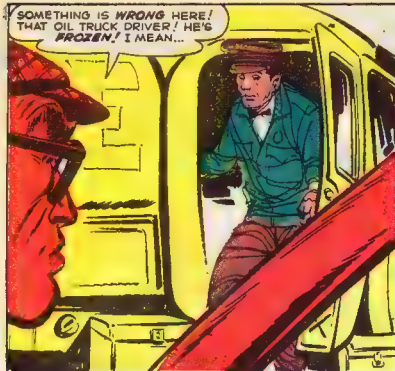
"In a way I *am* a hero," he confessed, "because my main mission was accomplished. Look!"

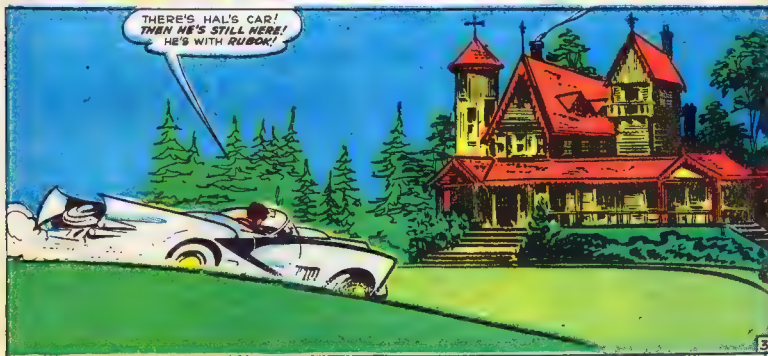
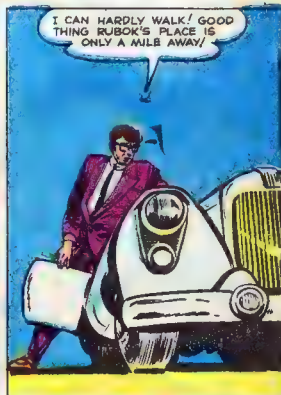
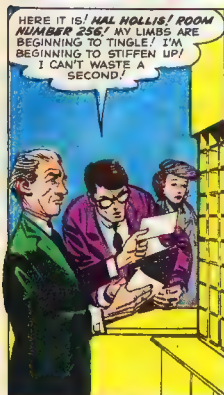
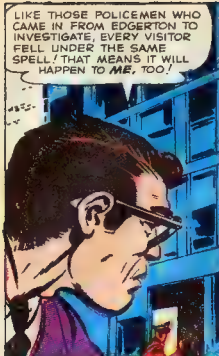
And with a bold smile of triumph, he showed Harold his missing tooth.

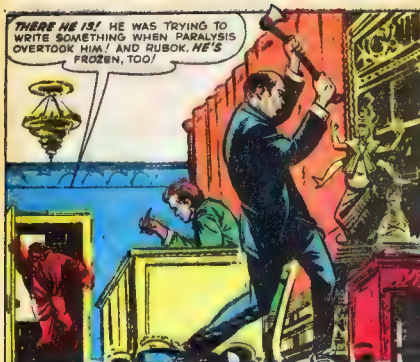
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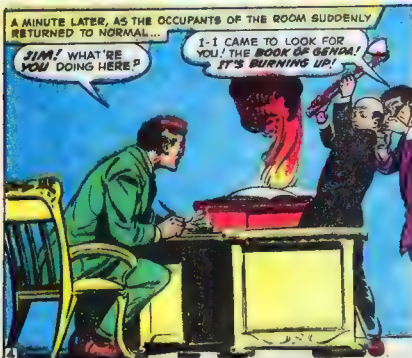




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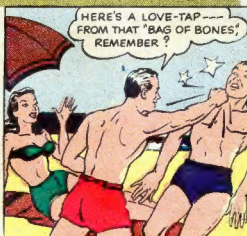
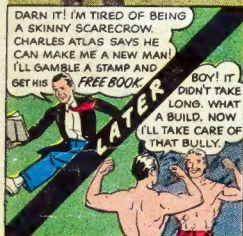
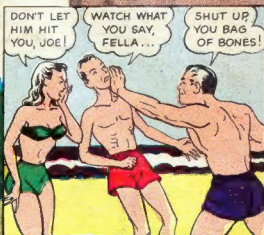
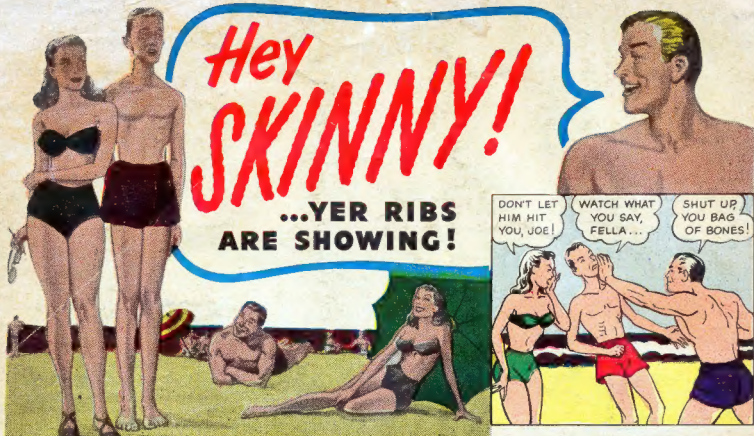
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